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For: **STENCIL PRINTING MACHINE**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 25, 2003. The one month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire July 25, 2003.

In view of the following election and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to conduct a first substantive examination on the merits.

REMARKS

Originally filed Claims 1-23 have been subjected to an Election of Species Requirement.

By this Response to Election Requirement a provisional election of one of the disclosed species and identification of the claims reading thereon is made.

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